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1. The Cominform is said to maintain schools at Baja and Pecs for training cadres of partisans. The students include nationals of several countries. The training is directed by a man called Smirnov, who is described as an expert in subversive action. The course, which is scheduled to end in the spring of 1950, gives instruction in sabotage, espionage, political agitation and civil war, street and house-to-house fighting, and acts of terrorism. A parachute section is also being formed.
 2. A "partisan school" is reported to be situated at Tihany (D 76) on Lake Balaton. Between 300 and 500 men are quartered there.
 3. On 4 December 1949 about 40 of the so called "partisan troops" were observed on the road between Budapest and Kistarsa (H 62). They were equipped with motorcycles and were wearing military uniform with black caps. Each man carried a rifle, an army blanket, and a haversack.
 4. On the other hand, recruiting in Budapest for "fighters for Greek freedom" ceased before November 1949, and the trainees were informed that they would be used soon for other purposes.

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